

Notice to Person Giving Assistance

You have been selected by _____ to lend assistance in marking their ballot. Both members of the delivery team are required by Iowa law to remain in the room while you are assisting the voter.




As a person selected to assist a voter you are subject to rules set out in Iowa Code section 49.90.

- ☒ You must mark the ballot as directed by the voter.
- ☒ You cannot give any information to anyone about the choices the voter made.




Failure to mark the ballot in the manner directed by the voter could result a charge of Election Misconduct which is a crime in the State of Iowa.

- You may read the ballot to the voter and/or mark the ballot as they direct.
- You may not lead or coax a voter to make certain choices. Discussions with the voter regarding which candidates to choose cannot occur once the ballot has been issued.
- If the voter does not express their choice on every office or section it is acceptable to leave offices or sections of the ballot blank.
- If you make a mistake, mark the ballot spoiled, give it to the delivery team and ask for a new ballot.

You CAN answer questions about how to mark the ballot.

- Can I vote straight party and then choose someone from a different party? 
- Do I have to vote on all of the offices? 
- If a race is a vote for two (or more), do I have to vote for all of them? 

You CAN NOT answer questions about what to mark on the ballot.

- Who is the incumbent? 
- Which are the judges that voted....? 
- Is this going to raise taxes? 
- Which campaign ad said? 